



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) Minutes

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Team Members Present:

Hon. Jennifer Dorow, Chief Judge & Chair
Hon. Maria Lazar, Juvenile Court Judge
District Court Administrator Michael Neimon
Clerk of Circuit Court Monica Paz
Victim Witness Coordinator Jen Dunn
Citizen Member Jody Huelsman
DOC Community Corrections Field Supervisor Marla Bell

City of Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly
County Board Chair Paul Decker
SPD Regional Attorney Manager Jeremy Perri
Town of Brookfield Municipal Judge JoAnn Eiring
HHS Director Liz Aldred
City of Waukesha Police Chief Dan Thompson
WCS Associate Executive Director Sara Carpenter

Team Members Absent:

Sheriff Eric Severson
District Attorney Sue Opper

UW-Extension Director Jerry Braatz
County Executive Paul Farrow

Others Present:

Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj
Retiring HHS Director Antwayne Robertson
Jail Administrator Angie Wollenhaupt
State Pretrial Manager Rhonda Frank-Loron
County Supervisor Joel Gaughan
Departmental Secretary Staci Griffiths (proxy for Braatz)

Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle McClain
HHS Clinical Services Division Manager Kirk Yauchler
Citizen Ralph Schultz
Citizen Bob Gibson
County Supervisor Larry Nelson

Welcome

Chair Dorow called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Guests and attendees introduced themselves.

Approve Minutes from November 18, 2020

Motion: Robertson moved, second by Reilly, to approve the minutes from November 18, 2020. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Update on CJCC Membership Changes

HHS Director Antwayne Robertson to be Replaced by Liz Aldred

Aldred has been hired as HHS Director, replacing Robertson who is retiring at the end of this week.

Dunn arrived at 8:39 a.m.

Police Chief Anna Ruzinski

Ruzinski was confirmed by the US Senate for the position of US Marshal. The Police Chiefs' Association has recommended Chief Thompson to be the liaison between the CJCC and the Police Chiefs' Association.

DOC Regional Chief Sally Tess

Tess has retired, and the DOC is currently going through the selection process for her replacement.

Eiring arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Clerk of Circuit Court Monica Paz

The Waukesha County Judges have unanimously voted to appoint Paz to fill the elected position of Clerk of Circuit Court until the term vacated by the previous Clerk expires.

Stakeholder Operational Updates Related to the Pandemic

Stakeholders provided updates on their respective areas related to changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Courthouse Construction Project Update

Dorow reported that the court tower is near completion, with a targeted move-in date occurring in mid-summer. There will be 8 courtrooms: 7 jury courtrooms and 1 intake courtroom. Gilbane was selected as the architect/construction management company for the next phase of the construction – the renovation for the existing courthouse. Meetings will begin next week.

Carpenter arrived at 9:47 a.m.

CJCC Committee Updates

Pretrial

The Pretrial Committee has been focused on the Pretrial Supervision programs, which are over-capacity due to the backlog of cases caused by the pandemic.

Case Processing

The Case Processing Committee will be meeting tomorrow and focusing on resuming pretrial conferencing and reviewing strategies to increase the disposition of cases.

Alternative Interventions

The Alternative Interventions Committee will be meeting next week for the first time since September and will be continuing to review data collected for the diversion program grant.

Mental Health

The Mental Health Committee has been focused on the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) grant, holding a virtual site visit on December 16 with the Center for State Governments, which included a virtual tour of the jail.

Victims' Rights

Dunn introduced attendees to the new Victim Witness Support Dog, Pepper, who is funded entirely by grants and donations. The Victims' Rights Committee met this week and reviewed new forms designed for victims to assert their rights per Marsy's Law and discussed how the courts will handle the forms. Attendees also discussed the committee's change targets for 2021.

CJCC Budget Objectives Ad Hoc

A small workgroup has been working internally to discuss electronic monitoring options for Waukesha County, as well as the feasibility of implementing a video court appearances pilot project.

Announcements

The Waukesha Police Department is setting up a portal allowing citizens to report crime anonymously.

Reilly left at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment

Citizen Schultz gave a public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Decker moved, second by Robertson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.